

**MINUTES OF MEETING
WAYNE COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2017 – 11:30 A.M.
COLEMAN A. YOUNG MUNICIPAL BUILDING - ROOM 700A
2 WOODWARD AVENUE, DETROIT, MICHIGAN 48226**

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 11:30 a.m.

Members present: Honorable Freddie G. Burton, Jr., Chief Judge, Probate Court
Honorable Eric Sabree, Member – Wayne County Treasurer
Honorable Cathy N. Garrett, Secretary – Wayne County Clerk

Members absent: None.

Also present: Janet Anderson-Davis, Assistant Corporation Counsel
Jennifer Redmond, Assistant Director
Rendell Wooden
Gregory P. Mahar
Robert Boertje
Andrew Pauwels
Chris Sanders

Agenda item: **Consideration of Agenda approval.**

Board action on agenda item: Chair Burton requested a motion to adopt the agenda. Member Garrett, duly supported by Member Sabree, moved to adopt the agenda. The motion was adopted unanimously by a voice vote.

Agenda item: **Approval of Minutes of September 13, 2017**

Board action on agenda item: Chair Burton requested a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting held on September 13, 2017. Member Sabree, duly supported by Member Garrett, moved to approve the minutes of September 13, 2017. The motion was adopted unanimously by a voice vote.

Agenda item: **Determination of Clarity – Susan Rowe, Mayor, City of Wayne**

Chair Burton asked Assistant Corporation Counsel Janet Anderson-Davis to remind the commission of its role in making a determination of clarity. Assistant Corporation Counsel Anderson-Davis reminded the commission of its role and duties for a determination of clarity.

Ms. Anderson-Davis read the statute regarding the role of the Election Commission in regards to recall petitions and stated that there was litigation before Judge Levy in Federal Court in which she issued an opinion regarding recall petitions.

Ms. Anderson-Davis summarized the commission's role when reviewing petitions and what the commission should consider. Ms. Anderson-Davis also pointed out that all four of the petitions appear to be the same. Chair Burton stated to make it simple, the commission will handle all four petitions at the same time.

Board action on agenda item: Chair Burton requested a motion for determination of clarity on items 5A-1, 5A-2, 5A-3 and 5A-4.

Reason for recall as printed on the Recall Petition 5A-1 for Susan Rowe:

"Mayor Susan Rowe voted to extend the council members terms by one year on October 18, 2016.

Reason for recall as printed on the Recall Petition 5A-2 for Christopher Sanders:

"Councilman Sanders voted to extend the council members terms by one year on October 18, 2016.

Reason for recall as printed on the Recall Petition 5A-3 for Anthony Miller:

"Councilman Miller voted to extend the council members terms by one year on October 18, 2016.

Reason for recall as printed on the Recall Petition 5A-4 for Ryan Gabriel:

"Councilman Gabriel voted to extend the council members terms by one year on October 18, 2016.

Member Sabree, duly supported by Member Garrett, moved to determine the language is sufficiently clear.

Andrew Pauwels, attorney for Christopher Sanders, addressed the commission regarding the clarity of the language on the petition. Mr. Pauwels indicated that the action that was taken by Council was to alter the election cycles from odd year to even year to align and correct the election cycles and to save money for the election

department. He stated the petition lacks sufficient clarity. The motion was adopted unanimously by a voice vote.

Agenda item: **New Business.** None.

Agenda item: **Public Comment.** None

Agenda item: **Adjournment.** Chair Burton requested a motion to adjourn the meeting. Member Sabree, duly supported by Chair Burton, moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was adopted unanimously by a voice vote.

Meeting adjourned at 11:36 a.m.